## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

## REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 225.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 225) granting a penson to Melissa Wagner, have carefully examined the same, and report:

The bill is for the relief of the widow of Jacob F. Wagner, deceased, who was a private in Company B, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volun-The deceased soldier, at Cold Harbor, Va., was severely wounded in the head by a musket-ball, which entered his face at left wing of the nose and made its exit in front of the lobe of the right ear. The anterior portion of the roof of his mouth, the bony and soft parts, were destroyed. The wound so interfered with articulation that it was difficult, without an artificial palate, and made it difficult for him to eat or drink- He was discharged for disability resulting from his wounds, was pensioned, and died April 12, 1875. His widow applied for a pension, which was refused on the ground that it was not proved satisfactorily that her husband's death resulted immediately from the wound for which he was pensioned.

An examination of the testimony shows that, although the wound of the deceased soldier may not have been the immediate cause of his death, yet his condition in consequence of his wound was, in the language of his family physician, who attended him in his last illness, such that in his opinion "the said wound and the general condition of his health, caused by said wound, hindered his recovery to a great ex-

tent and materially increased the violence of the attack."

The widow is the mother of four children, and has no means whatever,

except from her own earnings.

The committee, on these grounds, recommend the passage of the bill, with an amendment striking out all after the word "duty," in the ninth line.